

Middletown Public Schools -Board of Education

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on February 17, 2016 at the Board of Education, Conference Room "A"

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Called to Order at 5:33 PM

Members present:

Vincent Loffredo, Dr. Patricia Charles, Marco Gaylord, Cheryl McClellan, Franca Biales, Jim D'Antonio and Chairperson Deborah Cain.

Absent members were Edgar Cintron, David Bauer, Steve Kovach, Ed McKeon and Thomas Serra

I. Middletown High School Fuel Cell & Wall

There is a fuel cell meeting scheduled for February 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Middletown High School and hopefully there will be a resolution as to what to do.

II. Reports on Vendors and Contracts

Marco Gaylord stated there are five alliance contacts that will be completed by the end of the week. Separate locations and lines on these grants need to be done. The new software that was installed in the business office is making processing a little more difficult. Credit with the contracts was given to Edgar Cintron and Natalie Forbes.

III. Middle School Building Committee Membership Recommendations

There are a few people who have expressed interest in becoming members of the committee who are John Phillips, Cheryl Gonzales, Kristy Byrd, Sheila Daniels and Chris Bonsignore. Hopefully the committee will be able to be sworn in for the March Council Committee meeting

IV. Information on School System Fuel/Energy Contracts

Dr. Patricia Charles said that we are waiting for a fuel contract to be open either on February 25th or 26th.

There is presently no information on the energy contract and nothing is set. Marco Gaylord is trying to get together with Brig Smith. A short contract is needed to be done.

V. Macdonough School Basketball Courts

Marco Gaylord met with Bill Russo and received a price of \$100K for the parking and basketball work for the Macdonough School. \$50K would be the Board's portion to pay and they would roll in the rest under a City bond however this is being worked on but most likely will not happen before July 1, 2016.

Marco Gaylord also spoke about the issue at Farm Hill School lot design and has funds set aside but are waiting for quotes. This also most likely will not happen before July 1, 2016 so additional monies may be able to go towards the Farm Hill playground and parking area.

VI. Other/Miscellaneous

Questions were asked of what the status is of the Oasis building at 310 Hunting Hill Avenue is – there are water and flooring issues that have been addressed and explored. The City has asked the Board to shut the power off and we are currently obtaining advice on where to go from this point forward. There is a vault in the middle of the floor that is an issue and \$100K is available for repair work.

Donna Marino and her staff have been relocated to the Youth Services Building on 372 Hunting Hill Avenue but eventually perhaps the technical department may go to the Oasis building.

Dr. Pat Charles spoke about the Pat Kidney field that will be reconfigured. Gene Nocera had talked to her about working together on this during the next five (5) years. The Board of Ed will have to share and will have more fields available to use. As the work proceeds, accountability will have to be managed for what they are utilizing. Grass will need to be established for one (1) year before it can actually be used however there is a debate on the grass which is planned to be completely natural grass. Cheryl McClellan asked if the football field can remain as artificial turf but Vinnie Loffredo said it would qualify to be replaced by natural grass.

The next meetings dates are as follows and will be at the Board of Ed and start at 5:30 unless otherwise stated. Meetings starting in May or June may be rotating at different schools.

03/16/16; 04/20/16; 05/18/16; 06/15/16; no meetings in July and August;
09/21/16; 10/19/16; 11/16/16, 12/21/16 and 01/18/17

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Minutes recorded by Leslie A. Spatola,

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